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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT
MEETING MINUTES
DPW Conference Room, 3rd Floor City Hall
Wednesday August 14, 2013

Call to Order. Called to order at 11:11am by Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor.

Present: Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Absent: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works

Also Present: Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller; Andrew Urso, 33 State Street Associates

ITEMS CONSIDERED

28 Lyon Street. Offer to Purchase 28 Lyon Street for \$400, submitted by Michele Davis on March 18, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on March 25, 2013. Tarik Abdelazim responded on March 25, 2013, stating that PHCD recommends the rejection of this offer. PHCD supports a long-term approach to revitalizing this neighborhood, which pivots on smart assemblage of land parcels and the packaging of many infill lots as one redevelopment project in the years to come. Tom Costello responded on March 25, 2013, stating that Code supports PHCD's recommendation. E&A discussed the offer on April 3, 2013, and stated that they may be interested in splitting the parcel with the applicant, selling the long, narrow portion to the application for \$200, provided that she obtains a survey. The applicant attended the E&A meeting on April 17, 2013. Leigh McCullen from PHCD met with the owner of the property, and requested that he draw a rough site plan including the potential site of a pool, garage and fence line. The owner and applicant will provide this map to the City Clerk's Office when they are ready to proceed.

37 Pine Street (Greenman Senior Center). Proposal for purchase 37 Pine Street and 23 Pine Street (Greenman Senior Center property) for \$105,000, less broker fees of six percent of purchase price, submitted by Gemini Construction Management, LLC. Corporation Counsel to contact applicant for clarification.

8 Meadow Street. Offer to Purchase 8 Meadow Street for \$100, submitted by Robert Rohan on July 29, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on July 30, 2013. Tarik Abdelazim responded on July 30, 2013, stating that 8 Meadow Street is a Restore NY property, slated for redevelopment by First Ward Action Council. The proposed outcome of the redevelopment is home ownership, to remain on the tax rolls at a higher value than that of the proposed use. PHCD does not support the sale. Scott Snyder responded on July 30, 2013, stating that due to the Restore NY status, he does not support the sale. Tom Costello responded on July 30, 2013, agreeing with the Assessor's recommendation. Item held until confirmation from First Ward Action Council about their intent to purchase immediately.

Motion to deny the offer from Robert Rohan.

Moved by Krey, seconded by Pearsall.

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2) Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Krey

Nays: None

Absent: Frank, Day

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9 Way Street. Offer to Purchase 9 Way Street for \$100, submitted by Kenneth Johnson on August 8, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on August 9, 2013. Tarik Abdelazim responded on August 9, 2013, recommending the rejection of this offer. PHCD is planning the demolition of this parcel, and will offer the parcel to the winner of the One Dollar Healthy Home Initiative for redevelopment of 11 & 13 Way Street. Scott Snyder and Tom Costello responded on August 9, 2013, supporting PHCD's recommendations.

Motion to deny the offer from Kenneth Johnson.

Moved by Krey, seconded by Pearsall.

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2) Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Krey

Nays: None

Absent: Frank, Day

72 State Street. Offer to Purchase 72 Court Street for \$1, submitted by 33 State Street Associates on August 1, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on August 2, 2013. Tom Costello responded on August 2, 2013, stating that he is not in favor of this offer, submitted without a plan for development that addresses the primary use for the proposed purchase and related impact on adjacent parcels. In addition, the proposed purchase price seems unrealistic. Scott Snyder responded on August 7, 2013 stating that he agreed with Tom Costello's recommendations. Tarik Abdelazim responded on August 7, 2013 stating that the offered price is unreasonably low, and that selling a portion of the parcel may undermine the lot's market value. Philip T. Krey will visit the property with the applicant to review the proposal further, and to answer outstanding questions about City right-of-way. **Item held.**

Budget Transfer. Request to approve transfers from various Emergency Shelter Grant administration budget lines to budget line CD6142.533550.CDY36 (ESG—Program Funds), due to cap on administration expenditures. Submitted by Tarik Abdelazim, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development.

Motion to approve budget transfer. Moved by Pearsall, seconded by Krey.

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: Ryan, Pearsall, Krey

Nays: None

Absent: Frank, Day

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 11:21am. Moved by Krey, seconded by Pearsall.

Voice vote, none opposed.